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1. United States Patent No. 6,261,097 dated July 17, 2001 to Schmutz;
2. Abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-129642, published May 19, 1998;
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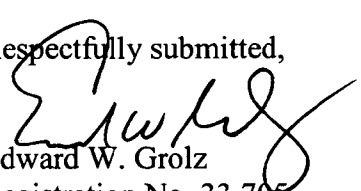
4. PCT International Patent Publication No. WO 02/38452 A1, published May 16, 2002;
5. Abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-181735, published July 7, 1998;
6. Abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-018579, published January 22, 2004;
7. PCT International Patent Publication No. WO 2003/024511 A1, published March 27, 2003; and
8. Abstract of Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-005721, published January 12, 1999.

Reference nos. 2-8 were cited in a Search Report dated February 18, 2005 received from the European Patent Office. Applicant is submitting a copy of the above-cited references, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of above-identified reference nos. 2-8 has been described in the Search Report. The relevance of above-identified reference no. 1 has been described in the specification.

In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i), per 1276 OG 55, June 30, 2003, applicant is not required to submit a copy of the above-cited U.S. Patent reference.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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